Original post rock fence on south side of Frank Busch farm south of LaCrosse, Kansas.
Photo taken at southeast corner by Laurel Busch in 2010.

THE BUSCHES AND THE GERRITZENS

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TRIEBENDORF, MÄHRISCH TRÜBAU, AUSTRIA

Frank Busch's hometown, Triebendorf, was a village in the town of Mährisch Trübau in Moravia. ("Mährisch" means "Moravian.") Moravia was what was sometimes called a "crown land" in the Austrian Empire from 1804 to1867 and the Austro-Hungarian Empire from 1867 to 1918. To obtain American citizenship, Frank had to "renounce forever all allegiance" to the emperor of Austria.

Mährisch Trübau was the largest German enclave in the long, narrow German-speaking "island" along the border between Bavaria and Moravia known as Schönhengstgau (which was part of the area called the Sudetenland in the 1900s). In fact, only Germans lived in the town.

Moravia became part of Czechoslovakia following the break-up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918 and was merged with another Czech "land" in 1928. The area was annexed by Germany in 1938 through the Munich Agreement but reverted to Czechoslovakia after World War II. Czechoslovakia expelled all the Germans after World War II.

In this 1789 map of Europe, Moravia is just to left of center. Original map courtesy of University of Texas Libraries.

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If you want to see Triebendorf and Mährisch Trübau now, you need to look for the village of Třebařov near the town of Moravská Třebová in what is now called the Czech Republic. Moravia no longer exists; Třebařov and Moravská Třebová are in the Svitavy District, which is in the Pardubice Region of the Czech Republic.

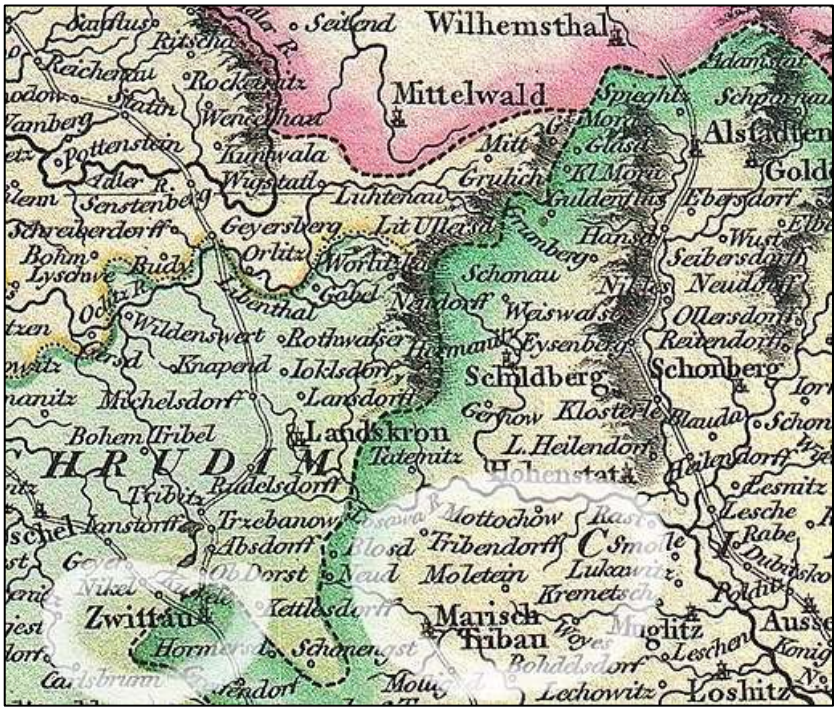
Maybe someday we will be able to find out what happened to Frank's siblings (if any were still living) and cousins when they were expelled to Germany and Austria in 1945 and 1946. At least the Czechs saved the church records and allowed them to be photographed.

There are separate church records for Grosstriebendorf (Big Triebendorf) and Kleintriebendorf (Little Triebendorf). The house numbers are recorded in the parish registers, but I have not been able to find a map showing the house locations.

The earlier birth records say "about" each year because the birth year could only be calculated from the age at death. Where “about” is used with a specific month and day, it’s because the records listed only the baptism (not birth) date until the early 1800s. Generally the baby was baptized the day of birth or day after. Later records listed both dates.

“Distribution of Races in Austria-Hungary,” 1911, shows the area where the Busches lived in northern Moravia as a pink (German) island around the city of Zwittau (top, just left of center). Courtesy of University of Texas Llibraries.

From "A New Map of Bohemia and Moravia from the Latest Authorities" by John Cary, 1801. Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.



Mährisch Trübau and Triebendorf in closeup from map above.

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You will see that three members of this generation are Heegers. How closely they are related cannot be known without access to their birth records.

Note that in German records the letters *p* and *b* are sometimes used interchangeably. All of the records for Frank Busch and his male ancestors spell the last name *Pusch*. Of course he spelled the name *Busch* here in the United States.

BARTHOLOMÄUS AND VERONIKA (HEEGER) PUSCH/BUSCH

Bartholomäus Pusch, born about 1757, was a *häusler*, or cottager, in House 31, Grosstriebendorf. Following the medieval feudal system, a häusler owned or rented a small house, mostly without land or with a small garden in a small area (much smaller than a farm). The family would not have had a horse or cattle. A häusler mostly worked as a day laborer for the owner of the land.

Bartholomäus married Veronika Heeger. Veronika was born about 1756; her father was Anton Heger. Bartholomäus Pusch and Veronika Heeger had eight children:

- Bartholomäus, born about July 12, 1787.
- Maria Pusch, born about October 05, 1788.
- Catharina Pusch, born about November 13, 1790.
- Veronika Pusch, born about June 25, 1792.
- Barbara Pusch, born about November 30, 1794.
- Johann Pusch, born about November 29, 1796.
- Barbara Pusch, born Abt. November 14, 1798. (Perhaps the Barbara born earlier died young and they used the name again.)
- Josef Pusch, born about February 13, 1801. **Our ancestor; see later section.**

Bartholomäus died June 17, 1817, and Veronika died of *Lungensucht* (pulmonary tuberculosis) February 26, 1824.

Their son Josef married Viktoria Jarmer.

ANTON AND CATHARINA (WINCKLER) JARMER

Anton Jarmer was born about 1765. He was a cottager in House 21, Kleintriebendorf, and married Catharina Winckler November 16, 1789. Catharina, born about 1770, was the daughter of Paul Winkler.

They had six children:

- Vincenz, born about September 30, 1795.
- Maria, born about February 03, 1798.

- Viktoria, born December 18, 1800. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Anton, born about June 16, 1804.
- Theresia, born March 07, 1807.
- Anna, born July 17, 1811; died March 10, 1812.

Catharina died of *Kalter Brand* (gangrene) January 22, 1819, and Anton died of *Abzehrung* (a wasting away, consumption, marasmus) August 2, 1828.

Their daughter Viktoria married Josef Pusch/Busch.

JOHANN AND MARIA (HEEGER) PROSSER

Johann Prosser, born about 1768, married Maria Heeger (born about 1775) September 29, 1795, in Grosstriebendorf. He was a *Gütler*, or owner of a small piece of property in Grosstriebendorf labeled House 42. They had nine children:

- Johann, born about October 12, 1797. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Josef, born about December 18, 1798.
- Anton, born about February 16, 1800.
- Augustin, born about March 27, 1801.
- Anton, born about December 12, 1802.
- Theresia, born about September 26, 1804.
- Apolonia, born about February 02, 1806.
- Anna, born June 02, 1807.
- Augustin, born September 03, 1808.

Judging by the re-use of names, the Anton and Augustin who were born earlier must have died young.

Maria died of *Faulfieber* ("putrid fever," an obsolete term for typhus, septicemia, pyemia, typhoid fever, etc.) October 11, 1809. Johann died of *Masemsucht*[?] (epidemic measles) December 15, 1835.

Johann and Maria's son Johann married Catharina Heeger.

From Travels in the Western Caucasus: Including a Tour Through Imeritia, Mingrelia, Turkey, Moldavia, Galicia, Silesia und Moravia, in 1836, Volume 2 by Edmund Spencer, 1838. Courtesy of British Library.

JOHANN AND ROSALIA (PÜCHNER) HEEGER

Johann Heeger, born about 1762, married Rosalia Püchner November 20, 1791, in Grosstriebendorf. He was a cottager in House 76, Grosstriebendorf. Rosalia Püchner, born about 1766, was the daughter of Georg Püchner. They had eight children:

- Johann, born about November 26, 1792. (Judging by the re-use of the name, this child probably died young.)
- Johanna, born about April 18, 1795.
- Rosalia, born about February 18, 1798.
- Catharina, born about September 19, 1800. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Maria, born about September 09, 1802.
- Johann, born about July 30, 1804.
- Mathes, born September 07, 1807.
- Joseph, born January 01, 1810.

Rosalia died of *Lungensucht* (pulmonary tuberculosis) February 20, 1837, and Johann died of *Altersschwäche* (decrepitude, weakness of old age) May 11, 1838.

Their daughter Catharina married Johann Prosser.

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JOSEF AND VIKTORIA (JARMER) PUSCH/BUSCH

Josef Pusch was born about February 13, 1801, in House 31, Grosstriebendorf. Viktoria Jarmer was born December 18, 1800, in House 21, Kleintriebendorf.

Josef and Viktoria had nine children, seven of whom were originally labeled "illegitimate" in the parish registers. The first three children were born in Viktoria's family residence. Illegitimate births were not uncommon in that time and place; about 10–15 percent of births were out of wedlock. After Josef and Viktoria got married February 6, 1842, in Grosstriebendorf, the priest went back and filled in Josef's name in the baptism records of all their children. In the Catholic Church, an illegitimate child becomes legitimate by the subsequent marriage of his or her parents.

The children were

- Victoria, born October 29, 1823, in House 21, Kleintriebendorf.
- Johann, born September 01, 1825, in House 21, Kleintriebendorf. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Maria, born September 01, 1827, in House 21, Kleintriebendorf.
- Josef, born August 08, 1829, in House 18, Kleintriebendorfa.

- Theresia Pusch, born August 22, 183, in House 18, Kleintriebendorf.
- Anna, born January 26, 1839, in House 89, Grosstriebendorf.
- Ignaz Pusch, born June 03, 1840, in House 89, Grosstriebendorf; died October 07, 1928 in Grosstriebendorf.
- Franz Pusch, born May 28, 1842, in House 89, Grosstriebendorf.
- Josefa Pusch, born April 17, 1844, in House 89, Grosstriebendorf.

Josef was a cottager. He died of *Waßersucht* (dropsy or edema) February 28, 1868, in House 105, Grosstriebendorf. Viktoria died of "weakness of old age" (*Altersschwäche*) May 5, 1881, in House 50, Grosstriebendorf.

Their son Johann married Maria Prosser.

JOHANN AND CATHARINA (HEEGER) PROSSER

Johann Prosser, born to Johann and Maria (Heeger) Prosser about October 12, 1797, in House 42, Grosstriebendorf, married Catharina Heeger November 08, 1829, in Grosstriebendorf. He was a cottager and shoemaker.

Catharina Heeger (also spelled Heger) was born about September 19, 1800, to Johann and Rosalia (Püchner) Heeger in House 76, Grosstriebendorf. Johann Prosser and Catharina Heeger had seven children, all born in the house where Catharina was born:

- Johann, born May 27, 1821; died October 08, 1879, same house.
- Maria, born August 24, 1830. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Theresia, born August 01, 1832.
- Victoria, born June 01, 1834.
- Anton, born June 03, 1836.
- Beata, born May 27, 1838.
- Englebert, born August 27, 1841.

Catharina died there of *masemsucht*[?] (epidemic measles) May 8, 1864, having lived in the same house from birth to death. Johann died of *Altersschwäche* (decrepitude, weakness of old age) December 29, 1877, still in the same house.

Their daughter Maria married Johann Pusch.

FRANK BUSCH'S PARENTS
JOHANN AND MARIA (PROSSER) PUSCH/BUSCH

Johann Pusch was born September 1, 1825, in House 21, Kleintriebendorf. He was a cottager and living in House 121 at the time of his first marriage, to Eva Heger, on April 21, 1856 in

Grosstriebendorf. Eva was born about 1827 to Johann Heger and Apollonia Millich. Their house number was 128 when Eva and Johann got married, and their first two kids were born there.

Johann was an *inwohner* in all the records after his marriage to Eva. An inwohner was simply an inhabitant—he did not have voting rights and inhabited only a room in the house (such as a farm hand that lived in one room of a farmer's house). One of his granddaughters said he worked as a house-to-house barber.

Johann had five children with Eva:

- Johann, born June 27, 1856, in House 128, Grosstriebendorf.
- Franciska Pusch, born December 18, 1858, in House 128, Grosstriebendorf; died same day.
- Ferdinand, born May 18, 1860, in House 62, Grosstriebendorf.
- Cecilia Pusch, born November 03, 1862, in House 62, Grosstriebendorf; died January 16, 1919.
- Karl Pusch, born November 14, 1865, in House 62, Grosstriebendorf; died January 16, 1866, in Triebendorf.

Eva died in 1866 at about age 39 of "weakness following a difficult childbirth" about 3 months after Karl was born. Karl died 5 days later of “emaciation.”

Johann’s second marriage was to Maria Prosser October 14, 1867, in Grosstriebendorf. Maria, who was born August 24, 1830, in House 76, Grosstriebendorf, also had been married earlier, to Franz Kögler. Maria and Franz had three children: Anton, Maria, and Augustin. Franz died of tuberculosis at age 35 in 1859.

Children of Johann Pusch and Maria Prosser were

- Theresia, born May 1, 1868, in House 107, Grosstriebendorf; died November 17, 1940, in Grosstriebendorf.
- Franz, born May 29, 1870 **(Frank Busch, our ancestor)**.
- Josefa, born March 09, 1872, in House 107, Grosstriebendorf.
- Aloisia, born March 23, 1875, in House 58, Grosstriebendorf; died November 20, 1935.

Johann died of *Lungenleiden* (pulmonary disease) October 16, 1876, in House 58, Grosstriebendorf, when his son Franz (Frank) was 6. Maria died of *Lungenentzündung* (pneumonia) April 14, 1893, in House 34, Grosstriebendorf.

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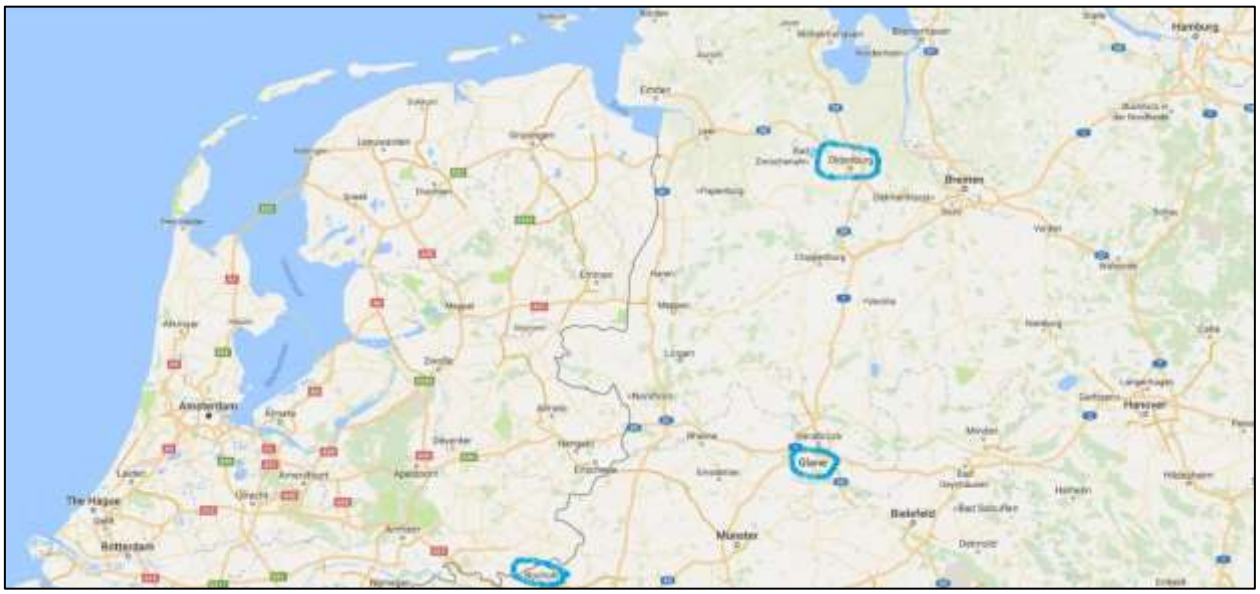
MARY ELIZABETH GERRITZEN'S GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

WESTPHALIA (WESTFALEN)

The ancestors on Mary Elizabeth Gerritzen's side of the family all came from the area known as Westphalia, for some time in the Kingdom of Prussia and now in modern Germany. At times it was an independent country; at other times it was not. Because of the many changes in its status and boundaries in the past 200 years, it is difficult to know exactly what to call the locations at the times of family births.

The towns where the Gerritzens lived and went to church—Bocholt, Borken, Wesel, and Mehr—were just west of the Rhine River and not far from the North Sea. They are right next to the current border between Germany and The Netherlands. If you have heard that our ancestors were "low Dutch," that probably is why.

Many Westphalians immigrated to the United States in the 1800s, and many of them settled in Saint Charles and Warren Counties in a German "belt" along the Missouri River near Saint Louis.



Modern map of Westphalia area courtesy of Google Maps. Circled cities are hometowns of Elizabeth Gerritzen's ancestors. The Gerritzens were from Bocholt, Borken, Mehr, and Wesel (bottom; the Kusmanns were from Oldenburg (top); and the Brockmeiers were from Glane-Visbeck. The black line running vertically from Borken to the sea is the boundary line between Germany and The Netherlands.

JOHANN HEINRICH AND HELENA (SCHNELTING) GERRITZEN

Johan Heinrich Gerritzen was born May 25, 1779, presumably in the area where he married Helena Schnelting July 5, 1803. The marriage was in the Saint Vincentius Catholic Church, Mehr.

She was born to Rutger Schnelting and Hendrina Kösters about January 1780 in Mehr or Haffen (nearby).

They had seven children:

- Theodor Gerritzen, born April 13, 1804, in Mehr. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Johann Gerritzen, born about 1810 in Prussia; died September 17, 1881, in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Heinrich Gerritzen, born about 1811 in Prussia. Probably married to the Joanna Gerritzen just below him on the ship's list (probably Anna Zickel).
- Bernard Gerritzen, born about 1812 in Prussia.
- Gerard Gerritzen, born December 25, 1815, in Prussia; died October 1895 in Villa Ridge, Missouri.
- Chesina Gerritzen, born about 1820 in Prussia.
- Hendrina Gerritzen, born about 1822 in Prussia; died February 24, 1889 in Villa Ridge, Franklin Co., Missouri.

In 1845 the family joined many of their neighbors in immigrating to Missouri, leaving Havre on the *Damascus* June 11 and arriving in Castle Island in New York City July 29 (Ellis Island was not being used for immigrants yet). Although some were traveling by steamship by then, the *Damascus* was a sailing ship. Other immigrants continued to Missouri by hired wagon and steamship after arriving on the East Coast, and the Gerritzen family probably did the same.

Johann died soon after they arrived, on October 03, 1845, in Starkenburg, Montgomery County, Missouri. He is buried in the St. Martin's Cemetery in Starkenburg. Helena died February 3, 1859, in Concord Hill, Warren County.

Heinrich brought his wife, and Theodor brought his wife and family. Gerard must have traveled separately.

In Missouri, Johann Jr. married Dorothea Rademaker, Bernard married Francisca Sprenger, Gerard married Adelgunda Osterop, and Hendrina married Franz Wilhelm Fisher and then Wilhelm Lakebrink.

Johann and Helena's son Theodor had married Joanna Maria Agnes Theben in Prussia.

Grave marker for Johann Gerritzen, St. Martin's Cemetry, Starkenburg, Missouri. He died shortly after arriving. His son married Dorothea Rademaker, and the W. Rademaker buried with Johann probably is her father. Photo courtesy of Phyllis (Gerritzen) and Roy Conrad.

THEODOR ANTON AND MARIA AGNES ELISABETH (VAN GÜLICH) THEBEN

Theodor Anton Theben was born in Borken January 30, 1750. He married Maria Agnes Elisabeth van Gülich August 31, 1800, in Katholische Propsteigemeinde St. Remigius, Borken. She was born to Joannes van Gülich and Maria Hagenbeck in Borken February 13, 1775.

A merchant, Theodor died of fever April 26, 1814, in Borken. His wife died November 11, 1847, also in Borken.

They had seven children, all born in Borken:

- Johanna Maria Agnes Theben, born October 15, 1806. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Anna Maria Josepha Theben, born November 17, 1801.
- Joann. Carolüs Antonius Theben, born October 08, 1802.
- Maria Christina Theben, born October 09, 1804.
- Joanna Gesina Francisca Theben, born March 06, 1809.
- Reinoldius Antonius Josephus Theben, born December 19, 1811.
- Joseph Anton Theben, born January 20, 1814.

Their daughter Johanna Maria Agnes married Theodor Gerritzen.

JOHANN HERMANN AND MARIA KATHERINA (HOLTMEYER) BROCKMEYER

Johann Hermann Brockmeyer was born November 19, 1775, in Glane-Visbeck, Hanover. (Glane and Visbeck are communities within the municipality of Bad Iburg in what is now Lower Saxony, Germany.) His first marriage was to Maria Katharina Holtmeyer. She was born August 6, 1777, in Glane-Visbeck and died there April 26, 1820.

Johann and Maria Katharina had six children together, all born in Glane-Visbeck:

- Johann Heinrich Brockmeier, born November 12, 1803. (Must have died early because they used the name again.)
- Maria Elisabeth Brockmeier, born February 09, 1805.
- Bernd Heinrich Brockmeier, born March 23, 1807. (Might have died early because there is a later sibling with a similar name.)
- Johann Heinrich Brockmeier, born March 23, 1807. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Georg Heinrich Brockmeier, born June 16, 1813; died August 12, 1889, in St. Louis, Missouri. Living with brother Frank in 1870 and 1880 censuses. Single.
- Engel/Angela Maria Brockmeier, born December 20, 1817; married Eberhard Albers and then Anton Reuther. Died January 09, 1859, in Dutzow, Missouri.

After Maria Katharina died, Johann married Maria Gertrud Nauber. She was born February 13, 1785, in Glane-Visbeck. They had three children together, all in Glane-Visbeck:

- Franz Heinrich Brockmeyer, born September 08, 1821; died March 05, 1897 in Saint Louis, Missouri.
- Joseph Heinrich Brockmeier, born June 13, 1824.
- Bernhard Heinrich Brockmeier, born June 02, 1825; died November 19, 1885, in Nevada County, California.

As you can see, many of the children immigrated to the USA. However, I have not documented the arrivals for anyone except Engel and Bernhard, and I do not know whether Johann and Gertrud came. Our ancestor Johann Heinrich arrived before March 1843, because that is when he married Agnes Cosman/Kusman in Saint Charles County, Missouri.

ARNOLD AND ANNA E. KUSMAN (PROBABLE)

Not being able to document the parents of Anna Maria Agnes Cüsman (spelling from marriage record), I have nonetheless concluded they were Henry Arnold and Anna Maria Eliza Kussman of the Duchy or Grand Duchy of Oldenburg (now in northwestern Germany) based on the following circumstantial evidence:

- Arnold and Anna E. M. Kussman are buried in the cemetery at the Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic church in Dutzow, Warren County, Missouri. That is the same cemetery where Anna Maria Agnes (Cüsman) Brockmeier is buried. That Arnold was born about 1791, and that Anna was born about 1796 based on their ages and dates of death.
- Sisters Caroline, Edith, and Justina Busch remembered the name as Kusman (and joked about its sounding like Kissman).
- Henry and Eliza Buschmann are living next to Henry and Agnes Brockmeyer in the 1850 census. Buschman . . . Kusman—could be the same people, census taker's error. (Brockmeyer is spelled Brookmeyer in that census.) Henry was born about 1792, and Eliza was born about 1794. The initial *E* on Anna Kussman's tombstone could be for Eliza. The census says they were all born in Germany.
- Anna Maria Agnes Cüsman could be named after Anna Maria Eliza Cüsman.
- Henry and Anna Maria Agnes (Cüsman) Brockmeier named their first son Arnold.

The Arnold Kussman in the Dutzow cemetery died at age 61 on September 16, 1852, and Agnes died at age 60 on October 12, 1856. If they are the right ones, they would have come from Oldenburg because that is where Anna Maria Agnes Cüsman was born according to the 1860 census.

Almost all of the immigrants from Oldenburg were living between Augusta and Dutzow, and all of them were from the same village in Amt Damme, Oldenburg.

Agnes's last name is spelled Cosman or Cüsman in the marriage records. Sisters Caroline, Edith, and Justina Busch spelled it Kusman. Other variations are Kussman (see Joseph Brockmeier's death certificate) and Kusmann (see Arnold and Anna Kusmann's tombstone).

MARY ELIZABETH GERRITZEN'S GRANDPARENTS

THEODOR AND JOHANNA MARA AGNES (THEBEN) GERRITZEN

Theodor Gerritzen was born April 13, 1804 in Mehr. (Some records say Wehr, but I believe that's a mistake because Mehr is near Bocholt and Wehr is not.) He married Johanna Maria Agnes Theben February 13, 1831, in Wesel, near Niederrhein, Church St. Maria Himmelfarht. She was born October 15, 1806, in Borken to Theodor Theben and Maria van Gülich.

Theodor was a shoemaker in Bocholt, but on the immigrant ship's list everyone on the page was listed as a farmer when they arrived in the USA. They had four children:

- Helena, born December 22, 1832 (not in Bocholt, location unknown); married Bernhard Vomund June 2, 1850; died January 1, 1888 in Missouri.
- Johannes Henricus Theodorus Gerritzen, born June 29, 1836 in Bocholt; died of fever April 21, 1838.
- Theodore George Gerritzen, Sr., born October 7 (baptism record) or October 8 (tombstone), 1838, in Bocholt; died April 17, 1933, in Redwing, Barton County, Kansas. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Bernardina Gerritzen, born December 01, 1842, in Prussia; died of measles October 19, 1844, in Bocholt.

Theodor, Agnes, Helena, and young Theodore came to Missouri along with Theodor's parents and siblings in 1845. Theodor died within the first few years; handwritten notes from the Herrman, Missouri, Historical Society citing "old records" say he died July 22, 1850 .

His widow, Joanna Maria Agnes, married Johann Heinrich Dederon August 30, 1851, in St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church, Missouri.

Theodor and Agne's son Theodor/Theodore married Elizabeth Bertha Brockmeier.

JOHANN HEINRICH AND ANNA MARIA AGNES (COSMAN) BROCKMEIER

Johann Heinrich Brockmeier was born March 23, 1807, in Glane-Visbeck, Hanover. He used the name John Henry or just Henry after he immigrated to the United States sometime before 1843. He married Anna Maria Agness Cüsman March 16, 1843, in Missouri (one record says Saint Charles County and another says Franklin County).

Agnes (the name she used in censuses) was born February 18, 1826, in Oldenburg, Germany. I have not found documentation for her parents, but I believe they were the Arnold and

Agnes Kusmann buried the same place Agnes is—the cemetery at the Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic church in Dutzow.

The records for this family spell its last name both Brockmeyer and Brockmeier.

Johann and Agnes had ten children:

- Elizabeth Bertha Brockmeier, born February 17, 1844, in Saint Charles, Missouri. **(Our ancestor; see later section.)**
- Anna Brockmeier, born March 1845 in Missouri; married August William Pillmeyer; died before 1910.
- Arnold Brockmeyer, born 1848; never married; died August 15, 1902.
- Maria Brockmeier, born about 1850. No other information.
- Joseph Brockmeier, born September 18, 1852, in Augusta, Missouri; died September 06, 1931 in Dutzow, Missouri. Did not marry.
- Wilhelmina Brockmeyer, born December 20, 1853 in Dutzow, Missouri; married Francis Xavier Pohl; died January 18, 1929, in Charrette, Warren Co., Missouri.
- Frank Everett Brockmeier, born June 22, 1857, in Dutzow, Warren County, Missouri; married Sarah Elizabeth Best; died May 27, 1937, in Allenton, Saint Louis County, Missouri.
- Helena Brockmeyer, born July 25, 1859 in Dutzow, Missouri. Married Heinrich Pohl.
- Maria Agnes Brockmeyer, born March 1861, in Dutzow, Missouri. No other information.
- Maria Regina Christina Brockmeier, born September 27, 1863; died June 05, 1916, in Dutzow, Missouri.

Photo courtesy of Phyllis (Gerritzen) and Roy Conrad.

The family was living in the community of Femme Osage, about 5 miles from Dutzow, in Saint Charles County in the 1860 and 1870 censuses.

I have not been able to find a death record for Henry, but he probably died between 1863 (when his last child was born) and 1868 (when he was not in the Missouri census with the rest of the family). In January 1878, Elisabeth's husband had a statement notarized and recorded that said he was using her money from her father's estate to buy two mules.

Agnes died November 18, 1898, and is buried in the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Dutzow, Warren County, Missouri.

Henry and Agnes's daughter Elisabeth married Theodore Gerritzen, son of Theodor and Johanna Agnes (Theben) Gerritzen.

Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic church cemetery. The church in this photo was built in 1875, replacing the one in which Theodore and Bertha (Brockmeyer) Gerritzen were married. Photo courtesy of Phyllis (Gerritzen) and Roy Conrad.

MARY ELIZABETH GERRITZEN'S PARENTS THEODORE GEORGE AND ELIZABETH BERTHA (BROCKMEIER) GERRITZEN

Theodore George Gerritzen Sr. and Elizabeth Bertha Brockmeier were married August 11, 1864, in the Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Dutzow, Warren County, Missouri.

In 1870, Theodore and Elizabeth were farming in the Femme Osage Township in Saint Charles County, Missouri, with their first three children. Elizabeth's widowed mother, Agnes, and her younger siblings were living with them. Agnes owned a farm of her own, and her oldest son, Arnold, was farming it.

By 1880, they had had seven children (the first died as a baby):

- Josephine Gerritzen, born about 1864 in Dutzow.
- Henry John Gerritzen, born August 23, 1865.
- George Benjamin "Ben" Gerritzen, born September 25, 1867.
- Bernard Fredrick Gerritzen, born January 14, 1870.
- Fredrick William "Will" Gerritzen, born September 23, 1871.
- Hannah Agnes Gerritzen, born May 05, 1875.
- Theodore George Gerritzen, born October 09, 1876.

The family moved to Kansas between 1878 and 1880. The 1880 census found them in the Cheyenne Township in Barton County. They had a farm between the tiny communities of Redwing and Odin. Elizabeth's 32-year-old brother, Arnold, was with them.

They had five more children in Kansas. The first of those, Elizabeth, was reportedly born in Claflin, so they might have lived there before buying the farm near Odin. All the others were born in Odin/Redwing:

- Mary Elizabeth Gerritzen, born about February 29, 1880. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Frank John Gerritzen, born February 23, 1881.
- Joseph W. Gerritzen, born February 17, 1883.
- John Anton Gerritzen, born January 28, 1885.
- August J. Gerritzen, born March 14, 1886.

In the 1885 Kansas census, they owned 480 acres valued at $4800 with 100 acres sown in corn, 14 in oats, and a half in Irish potatoes. They had 250 bushels of corn on hand and 1,000 of wheat (more than others on the census page). They had five horses, four mules, four milk cows, three other cattle, one swine, and two dogs. They had two pear trees and thirty peach trees. Unlike most of the other farmers on that page of the census, they had not paid any wages or board in the past year. Of course they had sons and Elizabeth's brother to work the farm.

Besides farming, Theodore did carpentry work. He made coffins, charging $5 for adult size and $3 for child size. He also built the 22- by 36-foot St. Anthony's Catholic Church southeast of Otis. The graveyard is still there, but the church closed in 1899 when St. Ann's church in Olmitz replaced it. The church built by our ancestor was moved to Olmitz and used as the first St. Ann's parochial school. A fire in 1913 destroyed all the church buildings at St. Ann's, and the current brick church and school were built to replace them.

Theodore took a team of mules and a wagon to his carpentry jobs. When he arrived, he would tie the lines onto the dash board of the wagon, leaving the mules hitched to it, and send them back home. Then on Saturday Bertha would hitch them up, tie the lines to the dash board, and send them off again. The mules would go back to where Theodore was working so he could return home.

FACING SUSPICION IN WORLD WAR I

Times were tense for Barton County's large German population during World War I. On April 18, 1918, someone went through Hoisington throwing hand bills urging "True Blue Americans" to "Join the Night Riders." They said, "Our aim is to clean up the country of German spies, German sympathizers and dirty slackers." The posters also were distributed in Great Bend and Larned.

Henry Gerritzen's son George had registered for the draft in June 1917 and left for the war in June 1918. August registered for the draft in June 1918 and was on his way in July. Theodore, Frank, and John as well as Henry's son Edward also registered for the draft.

"Join the Night Riders."
"Our motto is, 'True Blue Americans."
"Our aim is to clean up the county of German spies, German sympathizers and Dirty Slackers. We are now among you and know all of these men are secretly traitors to their country and these parties may expect a visit from us. There is no neutral ground. You are either for or against the government.
"Line Up and Get Right!"
Signed: "Bass Rider."

Barton County Democrat, April 18, 1918, from article on page 1. Newspapers.Com

Joe Gerritzen was investigated for "possible German activity" by the Bureau of Investigation in Seattle in 1917. A letter he wrote to a former co-worker in Juneau was opened "by mistake" by a deputy in the U.S. Marshals office. Joe wrote about a strike in Seattle, said the IWW had lots of new members, complained about scabs, asked about mutual acquaintances, and said he guessed he was going to "have to go after" one of them because "I need the money."

I couldn't see anything suspicious in it; perhaps the investigators were alarmed by part of his P.S.: "Would like to give you more but this has to go mail. I know you are not used to this talk to make good come over/across." (The agents had trouble reading the letter.)

The file is labeled "European neutrality matter." The employee who questioned Joe wrote a report about Joe's views on the union and politics. He said he "appeared to be sincere, and one of the few fair-minded members of the IWW," and there is nothing else in the file.

END OF LIFE

Bertha Brockmeyer) and Theodore Gerritzen with unidentified child.

Bertha died May 3, 1922, and Theodore died April 17, 1933, at age 95. They are buried together in the Holy Family Cemetery at Odin. The farm was sold, and the house on the homestead was torn down around 1980. The family lives on through many of their children and their descendants:

1. Josephine died as a baby.
2. Henry married Louise Kessler in 1894. They stayed in the area and had ten children. He died in 1925.

3. George Benjamin (Ben) married Anna Sophia Mohr in 1919 after returning from World War I. They lived in Lakin and had four children. He died in 1946.
4. Bernhard Frederick lived in Colorado and never married. He died in Wheat Ridge in 1947.
5. Fredrick William (Will) married Mary Kahler in 1902. He died at age 45 in 1916, leaving seven children. Mary died of a skin infection a year later, and the probate court placed the children with six different families, not all of them relatives.
6. Hannah married Anton Friedel in Odin 1897. They lived in Grant County, Oklahoma, until some time between 1913 and 1915, when they moved back to Hoisington. They had seven children. She died in 1949.
7. Theodore Jr. married Anna Dietz in 1902. They stayed in the area and had a baby girl in 1919 who lived only briefly. He died in 1942.
8. Mary was our ancestor; see later section.
9. Frank married Angela Antoinette Herrmann in 1911. They stayed in the area and had nine children. Frank died in 1949.
10. Joseph married Anna Caroline Hall (daughter of Annie and Henry Darr) in Great Bend in 1909. A month before the wedding, the *Great Basin Tribune* reported, "Mr. Joseph Gerritzen received a [train] carload of furniture, and of course that looks suspicious." Her parents moved to Juneau about 1912, and they must have moved there at about the same time. He is described as divorced in the 1920 Seattle census; at the same time Annie is living in a "mess house" in Juneau and described as married. Joseph and Annie's two sons were living in Juneau with Annie's parents. Joseph was alone in Buckley, Washington, in the 1930 census and apparently lived there until his death in the 1950s.
11. John Anton married Gertrude Jenisch in 1928, and they had five children. After they were married they lived 6 months in Wellington, Missouri. They moved to Olmitz, Kansas, and lived there until 1936 and then moved to Piqua, Kansas, and lived there the rest of their lives. He died in 1965.
12. August never married and was still living at home when his mother died in 1922. He died September 4, 1957, in Richland County, North Dakota.

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FRANK AND ELIZABETH (GERRITZEN) BUSCH

Frank (Franz) Busch was born May 29, 1870, in House 107, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Moravia, Austria, the son of Johann Pusch and Maria Prosser. (Remember that in German records, the letters *p* and *b* are sometimes used interchangeably.)

Franz Pusch arrived in Baltimore on April 28, 1886, on the steamship *Hohenstaufen* out of Bremen. The ship's list says he was 14, but he would have been almost 16. He did not have a "calling," or occupation. He had traveled in steerage; like many of his fellow passengers, he did not have any luggage.

He was on his way to Ellinwood, Kansas, with a group of other people from Moravia and Prussia. (He was listed as from Prussia although it probably was more accurately Moravia.)

He worked for Anton Kopfhammer for years. Kopfhammer had a farm near Independent, which was a little north of Hoisington and Great Bend, until he moved to Oklahoma and drowned there in 1899.

Frank also helped build the railroad from Ellinwood west. In the 1895 Kansas census, there is a Frank Busch, born in Germany, age 23, in Eureka, Rice County (just southeast of Barton County), that could be our ancestor.

It's possible Frank moved to Oklahoma when the Kopfhammers did. He made a homestead entry in Oklahoma May 31, 1899 (#10726, NE 1/4, Sec. 31, T. 29, R.8; 160 acres). On June 7, 1900, he was in the census for Manchester Township, Grant County, Oklahoma. He was the only one in the household. His birth date was recorded as May 1873 with his age as 27. He was single and a farmer. He could read, write, and speak English. The homestead claim was "established and duly consummated" March 22, 1906.

According to the 1902–03 Manchester directory, the town was an incorporated village in the Manchester township, 30 miles northwest of Pondcreek, the county seat. It been settled in 1893. It had a bank, a weekly newspaper, and telephone and telegraph connections.

Between 1900 and 1902, Frank married Josephine Friedel of the same township. Josephine's family had immigrated from Moravia, Austria, in 1878 and at first lived in Barton County, Kansas, where German Moravians had settled around the Cheyenne Bottoms. (By 1940, half the community still spoke German.) However, they were living in Manchester near Frank Busch in the 1900 census.

Josephine gave birth to a baby boy—Frank Busch Jr.—about February 3, 1902, and died soon after.

The following year, Frank apparently traveled to the Friedels' former community. The *Hoisington Dispatch* mentioned Frank Busch twice in its Odin column May 21, 1903:

> Frank Busch came up from Manchester O. T. [Oklahoma Territory] to get himself a wife here.
>
> *and*
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> Well! well! Two weddings here next week: Joe Budig, Mrs. Julia Jarmer, Frank Busch and Lizzie Garretzon.

Frank and Elizabeth (Gerritzen) Busch. Photo courtesy of Steve Busch.

Frank Busch and Mary Elizabeth Gerritzen were married June 2, 1903, in the Holy Family Catholic church in Odin and returned to Manchester.

Frank became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1905 in Pond Creek, the county seat of Grant County. (However, he declared an oath before the Clerk of the District Court of Rice County, Kansas.)

Frank and Elizabeth lived in Manchester, OK, until 1916. They had nine children there:

- Clara Johanna, born May 7, 1904.
- Phillip Leo Busch, born September 25, 1905.
- Leo Alfred Busch, born October 09, 1906.
- Mary Katherine Busch, born December 28, 1907.
- Wilhelmina Suzanne Busch, born June 17, 1909.
- Joseph Alfred Busch, born March 15, 1911.
- Cecelia Elizabeth Busch, born February 14, 1913.
- Sylvester "Vesty" or "Dusty" Peter Busch, born February 14, 1913.
- Victor William Busch, born April 11, 1915.

The older kids spoke German at home until they went to school.

One of their daughters remembered an older lady whom the children used to call "the old aunt." She said Frank built a home for her close to the family home and provided for her needs. She died about 1924. Her name might have been Anna. However, I have not been able identify this person or verify the story.

According to one of their daughters, Elizabeth hated the tornadoes in Oklahoma and they decided to move back to Kansas. They had a farm sale July 8, 1916, and left immediately. After being on the road for a week, they arrived at Elizabeth parents' place on July 15. The next morning they moved onto a farm 5 miles north and ¾ miles east of Hoisington.

They lived there 6 years and then moved to a farm southeast of La Crosse. Frank and some of the children lived at LaCrosse for 2 years with the sons setting to work getting limestone out of the quarry on the property to make the fence posts the area is famous for. The rest of the family joined them there after 2 years. (Another source says they moved there in the fall of 1923.)

Frank and Elizabeth had five more children after moving to Kansas:

- Irene Bertha Busch, born December 19, 1916, in Hoisington.
- Fredrick Carl Busch, born August 23, 1918, in Hoisington.
- Esther Bridget Busch, born April 23, 1920 in Odin.
- Helen Hedwig Busch, born March 15, 1922, in Hoisington.
- Dorothy Elfreda Rosalia Busch, born January 13, 1925 (probably in LaCrosse).

About 1926. Back: Vic, Leo, Sylvester.
Middle: Charlie Peltz, Cecelia (S. Caroline), Frank Busch, Charlie Weicken (a neighbor), Elizabeth Busch, Mrs. Peltz with Dorothy (Phillip behind them), Suzanne (S. Edith), Mary (Freda).
Front: Irene (S. Justina), John Henry Peltz, Fred, Helen, Esther.
Mr. and Mrs. Peltz were Dorothy's godparents. Photo courtesy of Jerry Rowley.

Elizabeth and unidentified baby.

Elizabeth and Frank.

Frank and Elizabeth in their front yard.

Busch farm, LaCrosse, 1960. Photo by Phillip Busch.

Same view, 2010. Photo by Laurel Busch.

June 1955.

Elizabeth died of a cerebral hemorrhage January 22, 1948.

Frank lived with their daughter Helen in LaCrosse and then went to live in a nursing home in Enid, Oklahoma, with his three daughters who were now nuns. He died there September 16, 1960.

Frank and Elizabeth are buried together in the LaCrosse cemetery.

FIFTEEN CHILDREN

Frank and Elizabeth had a typical Catholic family. The boys had to work hard on the farm, and all but Phillip chose other work when they left home. Several of the girls married farmers, and three became nuns. Here are some more details about each sibling:

1. Frank Busch Jr. is a mystery. The only consistent story is that he joined the Navy and the family lost touch with him. He does not seem to be in any census after 1920 or in Social Security or military records.
2. Clara married William "Bill" Maneth April 7, 1931. They had a farm in the LaCrosse area and had seven children. She died July 27, 1981.
3. Philip married Olive Ann Reimer in Olmitz June 17, 1929. They had two children and lived in Jetmore. Philip and their daughter, Joann, were killed in a car crash May 3, 1941.
4. Leo married Ann Huber, probably in the mid 1930s. Their first three children were born in Kansas. They were in Banner in Rush County in the 1940 census, but they lived in California from 1940 to 1945. When Leo was on a train during World War II, it went through Missouri and he vowed to buy a farm there. After the war, that's what he did, and they lived in Branson the rest of their lives. They had two more children after leaving Kansas. Leo died June 1, 1983.
5. Mary married Arthur Fred Maneth November 18, 1930. Art probably was related to Bill Maneth but was not his brother. They had a farm near LaCrosse and had four children. Mary died January 19, 1984.
6. Suzanne entered the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in 1933 and became Sister Edith. She worked as a culinary supervisor for years and then in 1964 acquired her Licensed Practical Nurse certificate and worked 30 more years. She died November 25, 2002, at the mother house in Wichita.

Sisters Justina, Caroline, and Edith in front of the Busch home.

7. Joe never married. He worked on a Nevada ranch for many years. He died at the Villa Maria home in Mulvane, Kansas, September 27, 1996.
8. Cecelia entered the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in 1932 and became Sister Caroline. She received RN and BA degrees as well as certifications in radiology and anesthesia. She died December 21, 1992, at the mother house in Wichita.
9. Sylvester was Cecelia/Sister Caroline's twin. He married Betty Lloyd and died in Sparks, Nevada, August 15, 1982.
10. Vic married Letha Obenhaus in 1937, and they had three children. Vic died in Northern Nevada May 16, 1980.
11. Irene joined the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in 1934 and became Sister Justina. She taught for a few years and then received an R.N. in nursing. She died March 17, 2005, at the mother house in Wichita.
12. Fred was drafted into the Army in World War II. He married Rose Helms in LaCrosse February 5, 1948, and they had two sons. Fred was drafted again to serve in the Korean War. They moved to Nevada in 1955 and had another child. Fred died in Reno September 9, 1980.
13. Esther married Russell Rowley November 4, 1941, and they had five children. Esther died December 4, 1992, in the Villa Maria Nursing Home in Mulvane, where the sisters worked.

14. Helen married Pete Schwindt October 24, 1967, in LaCrosse. They did not have any children. She died July 25, 1999.
15. Dorothy, or Dot, married Harold Reifschneider September 24, 1945, and they had five sons. They lived in the town of LaCrosse. Dot died January 9, 1989.

THE NEVADA BROTHERS

Four of Frank and Elizabeth's sons moved out west in the 1940s and 1950s. All but Joe joined the International Union of Operating Engineers and worked as heavy duty mechanics in Reno and Sparks.

Sylvester (Vesty or Dusty) was the first. He went to Washington, where he married Betty Lloyd in the mid 1940s. They ended up in Sparks, Nevada, and had two sons.

Fred moved his wife, Rose Helms, and two sons out to Northern Nevada in 1955, after he returned from the Korean War. A daughter joined the family in Reno.

Vic and his wife, Letha Oberhaus, their two sons, and a daughter came next.

Their brother Joe also made the move. For many years he lived and worked on the Masini Ranch in Yerington, Nevada. At the end of his life, he moved back to Kansas to be cared for in the nursing home in Mulvane where the sisters worked.

On vacation in Reno: Sister Caroline, her twin Vesty, Sister Justina, Vic, Sister Edith, Fred. Photo courtesy of Jerry Rowley.

THE SISTERS

THe habits were the only stereotypical thing about the Busch family's "sisters." They used to go to Nevada for their vacations in the 1960s and 1970s. They would line up on their brother's couch—outspoken Sister Caroline, giggling Sister Edith with a twinkle in her eye, and quiet Sister Justina, who looked so much like Sister Edith they were hard to tell apart.

When they noticed some kind of growth on Vic's face that kept growing, they did their best to convince him to see a doctor about it. He refused, so finally Sister Justina said a prayer over it in Fred's kitchen. The growth disappeared within about 6 months.

Perhaps more miracles occurred when they drove. On one visit out west, they decided to take Fred's wife with them to visit Leo's son in California's Bay Area. Speeding down a busy freeway, they realized they'd missed their exit. "No problem," they said cheerfully. Without any concern for the other vehicles speeding around them, the one who was driving (probably Sister Edith) proceeded to stop, put the car in reverse, and then back up the freeway until they got back to the off ramp they wanted to take. Somehow no one hit them.

After the sisters died, the nuns at the mother house in Wichita told us that if Sister Edith could embarrass you to death, she would. Pity George, the maintenance man there. One time she called him in to see one of the sisters licking the ice cream paddle. Another time she took a pair of pantaloons out of a trunk and held them up to show him, saying, "See? This is what we wear." When he looked depressed one day, she took him outside to see frozen sunflowers and told him, "That's what you look like."

The sisters are all buried in the cemetery at the Wichita Center of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

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ANCESTORS OF FRANK BUSCH
Prepared by Laurel Spencer Busch 5/20/17

Frank Busch
- b: May 29, 1870 in House 107, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- m: Jun 02, 1903 in Holy Family Church, Odin, Kansas
- d: Sep 16, 1960 in Villa Madonna Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma

Johann Pusch
- b: Sep 01, 1825 in House 21, Kleintriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- m: Oct 14, 1867 in Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- d: Oct 16, 1876 in House 58, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Josef Pusch
- b: Abt. Feb 13, 1801 in House 31, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- m: Feb 06, 1842 in Grosstriebendorf, Mahrisch Trubau, Austria
- d: Feb 28, 1868 in House 105, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Bartholomäus Pusch
- b: Abt. 1757
- m:
- d: Jun 17, 1817 in House 31, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Veronika Heeger
- b: Abt. 1756
- d: Feb 26, 1824 in House 31, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Viktoria Jarmer
- b: Dec 18, 1800 in House 21, Kleintriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- d: May 05, 1881 in House 50,Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Anton Jarmer
- b: Abt. 1765
- m: Nov 16, 1789 in Kleintrieben…
- d: Aug 02, 1828 in House 21, Kl…

Catharina Winckler
- b: Abt. 1770
- d: Jan 22, 1819 in House 21, Kleintriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Maria Prosser
- b: Aug 24, 1830 in House 76, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- d: Apr 14, 1893 in House 34, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Johann Prosser
- b: Abt. Oct 12, 1797 in House 42, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- m: Nov 08, 1829 in Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- d: Dec 29, 1877 in House 76, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Johann Prosser
- b: Abt. 1768
- m: Sep 29, 1795 in Grosstriebe…
- d: Dec 15, 1835 in House 42, Gr…

Maria Heeger
- b: Abt. 1775
- d: Oct 11, 1809 in House 42, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Catharina Heeger
- b: Abt. Sep 19, 1800 in House 76, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria
- d: May 08, 1864 in House 76, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

Johann Heeger
- b: Abt. 1762
- m: Nov 20, 1791 in Grosstriebe…
- d: May 11, 1838 in House 76, Gr…

Rosalia Püchner
- b: Abt. 1766
- d: Feb 20, 1837 in House 76, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria

ANCESTORS OF MARY ELIZABETH GERRITZEN
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Mary Elizabeth Gerritzen
- b: Abt. Feb 29, 1880 in Odin, Kansas
- m: Jun 02, 1903 in Holy Family Church, Odin, Kansas
- d: Jan 22, 1948 in La Crosse, Kansas

Theodore George Gerritzen Sr.
- b: Oct 07, 1838 in Bocholt, Westphalia, Prussia
- m: Aug 11, 1864 in St. Vincent de Paul Church, Dutzow, Warren Co., Missouri
- d: Apr 17, 1933 in Home, Redwing, Barton Co., Kansas

Theodor Gerritzen
- b: Apr 13, 1804 in Mehr, Bocholt, Westfalen, Preussen
- m: Feb 13, 1831 in Wesel, near Niederrhein, Church St. Maria Himmelfarht, Wesel, Germany
- d: Jul 22, 1850

Johan Heinrich Gerritzen
- b: May 25, 1779 in Prussia
- m: Jul 05, 1803 in St. Vincentius Catholic Church, Mehr, Germany
- d: Oct 03, 1845 in Starkenburg, Montgomery Co., Missouri

Helena Schnelting
- b: Abt. Jan 1780 in Mehr or Haffen, Prussia
- d: Feb 03, 1859 in Concord Hill, Warren Co., Missouri

Johanna Maria Agnes Theben
- b: Oct 15, 1806 in Borken, Westfalen, Preussen
- d:

Theodor Anton Theben
- b: Jan 30, 1750
- m: Aug 31, 1800 in Katholische Propsteigemeinde St. Remigius, Borken, Germany
- d: Apr 26, 1814 in Borken, Westfalen, Preussen

Maria Agnes Elisabeth van Gülich
- b: Feb 13, 1775
- d: Nov 11, 1847 in Borken, Westfalen, Preussen

Elizabeth Bertha Brockmeier
- b: Feb 17, 1844 in St. Charles, Missouri
- d: May 03, 1922 in Odin, Barton Co., Kansas

Johann Heinrich Brockmeier
- b: Mar 23, 1807 in Glane-Visbeck, Hanover
- m: Mar 16, 1843 in St. Charles Co., Missouri
- d: Bet. 1863–1878

Johann Hermann Brockmeyer
- b: Nov 19, 1775 in Glane-Visbeck, Hanover, Germany
- m:
- d: USA

Maria Katharina Holtmeyer
- b: Aug 06, 1777 in Glane-Visbeck, Hanover, Germany
- d: Apr 26, 1820 in Glane-Visbeck, Hanover, Germany

Anna Maria Agness Cüsman
- b: Feb 18, 1826 in Oldenburg
- d: Nov 18, 1898 in Dutzow, Warren Co., Missouri

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- m:
- d:

Name:
- b:
- d:

Frank and Elizabeth (Gerritzen) Busch Family

Husband:	Frank "Franz Pusch" Busch
Birth:	May 29, 1870 in House 107, Grosstriebendorf, Mährisch Trübau, Austria[1]
Marriage:	Jun 02, 1903 in Holy Family Church, Odin, Kansas[2]
Death:	Sep 16, 1960 in Villa Madonna Hospital, Enid, Oklahoma
Burial:	Sep 20, 1960 in St. Michael's Cemetery, La Crosse, Kansas[2]
Father:	Johann "Johann Pusch" Pusch
Mother:	Maria Prosser
Other Spouses:	Josephine "Jesefa, Josie" Friedel (Bet. 1900-1902)

Wife:	Mary Elizabeth Gerritzen
Birth:	Abt. Feb 29, 1880 in Odin, Kansas[3]
Death:	Jan 22, 1948 in La Crosse, Kansas
Burial:	St. Michael's Cemetery, La Crosse, Kansas[2]
Father:	Theodore George Gerritzen Sr.
Mother:	Elizabeth Bertha "Mary Elizabeth Brockmeier" Brockmeier

Children:

1	Name:	Frank J. Busch
M	Birth:	Abt. Feb 03, 1902 in Manchester, Grant Co., Oklahoma[4]
2	Name:	Clara Johanna "Clary" Busch
F	Birth:	May 07, 1904 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Marriage:	Apr 07, 1931 in St. Michael's, Rush County, La Crosse, Kansas[5]
	Death:	Jul 27, 1981 in LaCrosse, Kansas[6-7]
	Burial:	Jul 30, 1981 in La Crosse Cemetery, Rush County, Kansas
	Spouse:	William Otto Maneth
3	Name:	Phillip Leo Busch[10]
M	Birth:	Sep 25, 1905 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Marriage:	Jun 17, 1929 in St. Anne Church, Olmitz, Kansas[8]
	Death:	May 03, 1941 in Jetmore, Kansas[9]
	Spouse:	Olive Ann Reimer
4	Name:	Leo Alfred Busch
M	Birth:	Oct 09, 1906 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Death:	Jun 01, 1983 in Missouri
	Spouse:	Ann Huber
5	Name:	Mary Katherine Busch
F	Birth:	Dec 28, 1907 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Marriage:	Nov 18, 1930[11]
	Death:	Jan 19, 1984 in St. Rose Hospital, Great Bend, Kansas
	Burial:	Jan 23, 1984 in St. Anne's Cemetery, Olmitz, KS[12]
	Spouse:	Arthur Fred Maneth
6	Name:	Wilhelmina Suzanne "Sister Edith" Busch
F	Birth:	Jun 17, 1909 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Death:	Nov 25, 2002 in Wichita, Sedgwick Co., KS[13]

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7	Name:	Joseph Alfred Busch
M	Birth:	Mar 15, 1911 in Manchester, Oklahoma[6]
	Death:	Sep 27, 1996 in Villa Maria, Mulvane, Kansas[14]
	Burial:	Oct 01, 1996 in Mulvane Cemetery, KS[14]
8	Name:	Sylvester Peter "Vesty or Dusty" Busch[10]
M	Birth:	Feb 14, 1913 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Marriage:	Bet. 1942-1947 in Washington State[15]
	Death:	Aug 15, 1982 in Reno, Nevada
	Burial:	Aug 18, 1982 in Our Mother of Sorrows, Washoe Co., Reno, Nevada[6]
	Spouse:	Betty Lou Lloyd[16]
9	Name:	Cecelia Elizabeth "Sister Caroline" Busch
F	Birth:	Feb 14, 1913 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Death:	Dec 21, 1992 in Wichita, Kansas[14]
10	Name:	Victor William Busch
M	Birth:	Apr 11, 1915 in Manchester, Oklahoma
	Marriage:	1937
	Death:	May 16, 1980 in Reno, Nevada
	Burial:	May 20, 1980 in Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery
	Spouse:	Letha Hattie Obenhaus
11	Name:	Irene Bertha "Sister Justina" Busch
F	Birth:	Dec 19, 1916 in Hoisington, Kansas
	Death:	Mar 17, 2005 in Convent of Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood of Wichita, Kansas[13]
	Burial:	Mar 21, 2005 in Convent of Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood of Wichita, Kansas[13]
12	Name:	Fredrick Carl "Freddie" Busch
M	Birth:	Aug 23, 1918 in Hoisington, Kansas
	Marriage:	Feb 05, 1948 in St. Michael's Catholic Church, LaCrosse, Kansas
	Death:	Sep 09, 1980 in St. Mary's Hospital, Reno, Nevada
	Burial:	Sep 12, 1980 in Mountain View Cemetery, Washoe Co., Nevada[13]
	Spouse:	Rose Wilhamina Helms
13	Name:	Esther Bridget Busch
F	Birth:	Apr 23, 1920 in Odin, Barton, Kansas
	Marriage:	Nov 04, 1941 in Great Bend, Barton, Kansas[17]
	Death:	Dec 04, 1992 in Villa Maria Nursing Home, Mulvane, Sumner, Kansas
	Burial:	Dec 07, 1992 in St. John Cemetery, Hoisington, Kansas[6]
	Spouse:	Russell Raymond Rowley
14	Name:	Helen Hedwig Busch
F	Birth:	Mar 15, 1922 in Hoisington, Kansas[2]
	Marriage:	Oct 24, 1967 in LaCrosse, Rush County, Kansas[2]
	Death:	Jul 25, 1999 in Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend, Kansas[2]
	Burial:	Jul 28, 1999 in LaCrosse City Cemetery[2]
	Spouse:	Pete Schwindt

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15	Name:	Dorothy Elfreda Rosalia "Dot" Busch
F	Birth:	Jan 13, 1925 in Kansas[12]
	Marriage:	Sep 24, 1945
	Death:	Jan 09, 1989 in Rush Co. Mem. Hospital, La Crosse, KS[14, 18]
	Burial:	Jan 12, 1989 in La Crosse Cemetery[12]
	Spouse:	Harold R. Reifschneider

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